

## President's Pen Punctures Picture of Gavel Glamor

**Editor's Note:** As seasonal as Summer, the crop of PTA presidents arrives on the scene each year — new, fresh, and bright. Model mothers and eager workers, they look forward to growing with their experience. Once in a while nature casts a non-conformist in the role — and the results contain all the ingredients for the delightful, the unexpected, and the whimsical.

Such a person is Hannah Sampson, whom fate cast into the role of Jefferson School PTA president a year ago. With tongue in cheek, Hannah relates her fictional episodes in that capacity in the following series of letters she calls "THE RESIGNATIONS OF HANNAH SAMPSON."

May 10, 1962  
Executive Board  
PTA

Ladies,  
I am writing this curled up in a corner of the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel, to while away the hours until morning when I plan to hop a plane for Los Angeles.

The State Convention of PTA will get started just about the time my plane gets under way, and, as I am your representative to this convention, you will wonder why I am explaining instead of unconvincing and the answer is simple. I have resigned.

Get yourself another boy. Preferably one with arches, or a loud voice, or lots of influence, or all three. . . .

July 6, 1962  
Executive  
PTA

Ladies,  
Due to the fact that my

expense for coffee alone exceeds the president's allowance I am resigning effective immediately. The cost alone is not the determining factor. Have you any idea how many cups of coffee \$10 represents? Well, washing up the cups consumes enough hours, but the cups were held by an equal number of hands which lifted an equal number of cups to lips which talk . . . and talk . . . and talk . . .

Sept. 10, 1962  
Executive Board  
PTA

Ladies,

It isn't only the board, assn., council, district committee and policy meetings that have prompted my resignation. It is the meetings to determine the necessity for meetings that finally turned the tide. Since assuming the presidency I have attended three board meetings, three council meetings, a brunch, a lunch, seven coffees, one 3-day convention (with attendant meetings, lunches, brunches, coffees, community sings, panel discussions, after meetings evaluations, plus one additional huddle that took place in a parked taxicab.

Oct. 4, 1962  
Executive Committee  
PTA

Ladies,

Please accept my resignation effective this date. The reason I must resign is that I no longer have a phone, nor will the phone company allot one to this household. I cannot understand their unreasonableness, but must bow to superior wisdom besides it is useless to argue with

a public utility. The phone company refuses to allocate "additional personal necessary to handle the volume of business at the address given." This was the last communication. A previous communication leading to an exhaustive investigation indicated that they thought I was running a bookie joint here. Of course the investigation proved inconclusive but the attendant sordid publicity caused my husband, a public school teacher, to lose his job. Obviously, no phone, no presidency. . . .

October 17, 1962  
Executive Board  
PTA

Ladies,  
This communication will of necessity be short as I must rush one of my children (I forget his name, as I have really not had a good look at any of them for several months) to emergency after a fainting spell. Precisely: I resign.

Later: For your records perhaps you will wish to include the information that the faintings was due only to a slight malnutrition which the physician assures me will be cleared up if the child will begin to have three meals served him regularly and daily. As I have indicated, this letter must be short. I now discover there is another child in the house who seems familiar, also a male adult. It now appears that these people are not only NOT intruders but they are members of my immediate family, namely my husband and youngest child. . . .

January, 1963  
Executive Board  
PTA

I resign. That is final! I

have walked my last mile for the March of Dimes; I have met at my last meeting; I have smiled my last smile (although I'm not at all certain that I can ever UN-smile my face as it appears to have been frozen in this clownish portrait); I have made my last explanation regarding school bonds. I AM THROUGH! Y'HEAR? THROUGH. . . .

February, 1963  
To the Executive Board  
PTA

This is IT. Not only have I been on committees to end committees, but now here I am on a council committee. How did I ever let this happen. I must resign. I just got a look at my livingroom curtains. Could see the curtains, which used to be white and now are a dismal shade of rust, but can't see through windows. There MUST be glass there, but it is just a muddy brown square. Can't even tell if it's sunny or cloudy without calling the weather girl. My husband is wearing blue, dark blue shirts, now . . . and overalls . . . come to think of it, I BELIEVE that's what he's wearing. I haven't seen him lately to know for sure. . . .

March, 1963  
To the Executive Board  
PTA

Why thank you, ladies. I am honored that you would want me for a second year. I must tell you before I accept, however, that this year has been such a cinch, that I have accepted the Presidency of the auxiliary and the league, and a directorship in the Women's Club . . . so if you still want me . . . It's no trouble. . . .

# Women

RONNIE SAUNDERS, Society Editor

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PUTTING HEADS TOGETHER to plan activities for Sepulveda P.T.A. during the coming year are (l-r) Mmes. Kenneth Moe, corresponding secretary; Walter Allingham, president; and

William Martin, telephone chairman. Incoming board members were honored Thursday at a luncheon at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant. —PRESS photo

## Red-White-and-Blue Letter Day

### 'Breakfast with Kennedy' Worth Writing Home for

Torrance, Calif.  
June 12, 1963

Dear Mother and Dad,

You probably read in the papers that President Kennedy was coming to Los Angeles. And I believe there was also national publicity regarding a high school prom at the Beverly Hilton that nearly got moved from the grand ballroom to make way for his \$1,000 a plate dinner.

Although I didn't get to the dinner, I was invited as a member of the working press to attend Saturday's Meet the President Breakfast at the Hollywood Palladium.

I had to pick up my credentials Friday night at the Beverly Hilton. As we arrived, the high school crowd in their prom clothes were driving up. When we entered the Pavilion Room to pick up the tickets, I had my first taste of the enormous undertaking public-relationswise that a presidential tour encompasses.

The Pavilion Room was lined with tables of typewriters, a wall of telephone booths, teletype machines, and facilities for telegrams and cablegrams for on-the-spot coverage by wire services and metropolitan dailies. My credentials consisted of a special parking sticker and a ribbon which said "Press—Kennedy."

The parking sticker proved its worth Saturday morning. With 3,000 women attending the breakfast, parking could have posed a problem without it. The first thing that caught my attention in our assigned parking lot directly behind the Palladium were the number of uniformed police and police cars.

A red carpet had been rolled out leading from the lot to the back entrance of the Palladium for the president. Along the streets throngs of citizens with still cameras and motion picture cameras were waiting to take a picture of Kennedy as he drove up. Newspaper photographers were in the parking lot and inside the building.

Inside, our press ribbons got us into the special press section. We were seated at individual tables in the balcony which commanded a good view of the stage above the heads of the crowd seated below. We started to eat at 9 a.m. Our advance press releases of the president's itinerary had informed us that he would be leaving the Beverly Hilton at 9:10 and would arrive at 9:35.

Preliminaries got under way while we were eating. Shortly before Kennedy's arrival the band began to play. Photographers went downstairs to a roped-off section in front of the stage, and as the band began to play "Hail the Chief," Kennedy walked on stage.

The crowd gave him a standing ovation. When he was seated, and we were seated, the mistress of ceremonies introduced our senator — Clair Engel — who introduced him.

His speech lasted less than half an hour and the breakfast ended at 10:15 on schedule. The president left as quickly as he had arrived. When we got out he was already gone.

Seeing him was a thrill — and I will remember the experience with pride.

Love,  
Ronnie

all members were entertained at a coffee party at the home of Mrs. Richard Reynolds, second vice president and membership chairman, Monday morning.

Activities announced for the summer were: a theater party, family picnic with water skiing, and the annual

fireworks booth.

Provisionals in attendance were: Mmes. Robert Clark, Frances Parsons, David Wade, Patrick Dougherty, Graydon Carlson, Ronald Hoover, Donald McKenzie, John Bailey, Robert Schmidt, Richard Browne, John Gray.

## Job's Daughters Tour Library

Bethel No. 36, International order of Job's Daughters, recently held their semi-annual educational fund party at the Huntington Library.

The girls toured the gallery and private library, oriental garden, Japanese garden, Shakespearean garden, mausoleum and rose garden.

The Educational Fund provides Jobs Daughters an opportunity to borrow up to 500 hundred dollars to go to college.

Girls present were: Linda

Living, Judy Gustafson, Joanne Johnston, Jolene Elliott, Linda Kapigian,

Elaine Platz, Jan Foyle, Kathy Davis, and Elaine Sachse.

Adults present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Livings, Mrs. Charles Gustafson, and Mrs. Hal Platz.

### WANTED: RECIPE

The Food Editor this week received request from a reader for a good recipe for all-rye bread and 100 percent whole wheat bread. If you have a recipe for either of these breads, please send it to The Press, 3238 W. Sepulveda Blvd., and it will be forwarded.

## Court Our Lady of Victory To Install Slate Tomorrow

Officers of Catholic Daughters of America Court Our Lady of Victory will be installed tomorrow evening. Ceremonies will be conducted at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 214 Ave. I, Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Gust Sundquist will preside.

Among those invested will be: Mmes. Laura Dupont, grand regent; Teresa Fajen, vice grand regent; Edna

Clune, prophetess; Basil Shannon, financial secretary; Margaraet Breidenbach, historian; Frank Ives, treasurer; Sy Durham, monitor; Rhonald, lecturer; Gonzales Grijalva, sentinel; Nicolas Humting, parliamentarian; Viola Niland, organist; Charles Fischer, trustee. Continuing in the office of trustee are the Mmes. Stacy Rodman, Wesley Muzik, Roger Ste. Marie and Fred Gervig.

Officers and chairman for the past year were entertained at a recent dinner at Caesar's Restaurant in Torrance.

Mrs. Richard Wurm, grand regent, presided at the function which is an annual event for the board of directors.

Officers in attendance were: Mmes. Laura Dupont, vice grand regent; Charles Fischer, prophetess; Nicolas Humting, financial secretary; Frank Ives, treasurer; David Crockett, treasurer; Sy Durham, monitor; Lee Diamond, lecturer; Miss Jane McLaughlin, organist, and trustees: Mmes. Paul Hogan, Ernest Tarrin, Stacy Rodman, Wesley Muzik, Fred Gervig and Roger Ste. Marie.

Committee chairmen present were: Mmes. Joseph Baune and Lee Diamond, co-chairmen of ways and means; Laura Dupont and David Stone, hospitality; Charles Fischer, extension; Sam Estes, education and

legislation; Leroy Siddons, social welfare; Carmel Clune, share the faith and world missions; Frank Turner, confraternity; Gerald Lechner, rules committee; Stacy Rodman, telephone; Fred Gervig, publicity.

Co-ordinating dates of court activities with those of the South Bay area parishes are: Mmes. Ernest Tarrin, American Martyrs; Marie West, Guadalupe; Richard Abshear, St. James; Paul Hogan, St. Lawrence. The sick-visiting committee includes Mmes. Richard Wurm, Wesley Muzik, Stacy Rodman, Paul Hogan, Laura Dupont, and Marie West.

Mrs. Richard Abshear was reappointed chairman of the Junior Catholic Daughters. New chairmen for the Catholic Daughter Juniors are: Mrs. Rhonald Metro, Torrance and Redondo area, and Mrs. Ernest Tarrin of the new Manhattan Beach area.

Special guests of the evening were Father J. Augustine O'Gorman, court chaplain and Mrs. Gust Sundquist, district deputy of the court. In appreciation of their assistance, Mrs. Wurm presented a gift to each officer and chairman, and read a "thank you" poem, which she had composed, incorporating the names of each, and forming the words "Court Our Lady of Victory, Catholic Daughters of America" vertically in the body of the poem.

## Prospectives Feted At Tea by Juniors

Mrs. Ronald Forrestal, outgoing president of Torrance Junior Womans Club, entertained members of her executive board with a buffet supper in her home, 22632 Gaycrest, Torrance, yesterday.

The table was decorated with a centerpiece of spring flowers. Each guest was given a remembrance from the retiring president.

Mrs. Forrestal was presented a charm bracelet by her board.

Among those present

were: Mmes. Robert Valencia, Donald French, Keith Pierson, Richard Oliver, John Stokley, William Faulds, Clayton Lilley, Robert West, B. R. McRee, Horace Roberts, Richard Dorothy, Jack Bohn and Co-ordinators J. P. Bay, and B. W. Robert, of Torrance Womans Club.

Juniors will have their final meeting of the year, Wednesday, June 19, at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia. Mrs. William Faulds will preside.

Prospective and provision-



HAWAIIAN THEME will predominate at a dance to be sponsored by the North Torrance West Little League Friday evening at the Retail Clerks Union Hall, 25949 Belle Porte, Harbor

City. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the music of Ken Perkins Orchestra.

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